

CHARGE OF BRIBERY.

COMPLAINT OF STATE PRISONERS
The prisoners of the Missouri State Penitentiary, who are suffering from
sideburn excitement here for the past
over the arrest of H. Morton, at Kansas
alleged to have been a member of the
inspectors at Chicago to pass No. 2, known
Morton was arrested on a requisition of
criminal, and was taken to the Missouri
writ of *habeas corpus*. The writ was re-
quiescent of the Missouri State Peniten-
tary, and the prisoner remained in the
custody of the Missouri State Peniten-
tary, going by marriage to Battle Ground
to take train on the Louisville, New Albany
and Chicago railroad, where trouble in the
train here. Flaming Morton gave him-
self out to be a charging ray from the
Missouri State Penitentiary, and was
taken to attempt his capture. He was over-
come by the Missouri State Penitentiary
near Battle Ground, by a party of men
from the Missouri State Penitentiary, and
Ray will have a preliminary examination
tomorrow morning before Judge Jenkins.

CUSTOMS DECISION.
The collector sustained his
COURT.
New York, Dec. 15.—About the middle
of spring Frederick was imported a
quantity of champagne, and in addition
regular duty of \$6 on each case of one doz-
en bottles. He was ordered to pay a duty
of three cents on each bottle. Suit was
in the United States Circuit Court to re-
quire the collector to refund the duty.
The collector refused to refund the duty
in favor of the collector, holding that it was
a duty imposed by Congress to import
duty on each bottle of three cents. The
imported spirituous liquors of any kind.

CHARLIE ROSS.
THE DEAD MEN IDENTIFIED
ABOUT
PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 15.—The following
patch was received in this city early to-
day:
New York, Dec. 15.—
To James, Chief of Police, Philadelphia.
Water identities found the dead men who
The other identities found the dead men who
New York, Dec. 15.—
Capt. Del. and the dead men who
The witness mentioned in Peter Callahan
is employed in the residence adjoining

NORTH CAROLINA.

THE LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY.

RALPHIGH, Dec. 15.—In the General Assembly to-day two bills were introduced in the House, one for the purpose of amending the present State constitution, known as the "1868 constitution." There is little doubt that the people will favor the proposed amendments, and the General Assembly will take a record in favor of the change. The House will take up the bill to-day, and the Senate will take it up to-morrow.

BURNING OF A COTTON PRESS.

CHARLOTTE, S. C., Dec. 15.—A cotton press caught fire at 2:15 this afternoon, and the flames spread so rapidly that it was not long before the press was consumed. The loss was about \$300,000. The press was one of the largest ever built, and it was the only one of its kind in the State. The press was built by the late Mr. J. M. Smith, and it was the only one of its kind in the State. The press was built by the late Mr. J. M. Smith, and it was the only one of its kind in the State.

company has \$15,000 on the cotton. The Hartford, has \$5,000 on the press built by the Underwriters' Agency, \$5,000. A brick opposite the press, and insured in the \$2,000, was burned down. The fire is still going, but considered to be under control and danger of spreading.

At Worcester, Clark Jellison, Independent, was elected mayor.

CHARLESTON, S. C., Dec. 13.—The House representatives in Columbia to-day adopted their resolution petitioning Congress to appropriate to indemnify the depositor Freedman's Saving Bank, who where is deposit their money there by the belief the Federal Government would be responsible safe keeping.

Sunday night last a man named John in company with a woman said to be a Jew were in a saloon in Cahokia village, below this city, on the Illinois side, where Fisher, proprietor of the saloon, made proposals to the woman, and Rounds, threatened to outrage a little daughter of Fisher, whereupon the latter seized a shot the top of Rounds' head off, killing him. Both men had been drinking heavily, a very hard case. Fisher is in jail.

PERSONAL.

The Hon. Mr. Palmer, editor of the *Intelligencer*, who has been in the city for some days, is to leave for home to-night.

Dr. Isaac Butt, the home rule member of the British Parliament, for Limerick, comes to United States on a lecturing tour.

Col. Robert M. Douglas, formerly of the student's staff, and now United States marshal in the Western District of North Carolina, is in this city last night and left for the States to-day.

COMMANDER CUSHING.
[Hartford Courant.]
The fact that Commander W. B. United States navy, has been consigned natic asylum has already been noted in unns. Thus, perhaps, ends in the obl mental aberration a career that at seemed likely to lead to the richest reward a nation could bestow. Cushing was Wisconsin, and appointed to the navy State of New York. He was noted for less daring from his first entry into so

vice, and while yet a mere boy attracted attention not only of the country, but of the Department, which is not at all quick as public opinion to perceive or reward merits of its subordinate officer. So Welles, in his annual report of 1864, speaks in the following terms: "Lieut. W. B. Cushing, a young officer who had on previous occasions gained the admiration of the Department for daring and adventurous behavior, was to destroy the Albatross by a torpedo, arranged in a light picket-boat, to be at his disposal."

The circumstances attending Cushing's death for this exploit of heroism have never been published. The Department had, through the observations of naval officers of the Albatross Sound, observed his gallantry and loyalty; terrible ram, which was built for the

purpose of clearing our forest out of the Carolina waters and the fortified places of the American northwestern coast. I have a plane prepared, and then looking up one of its officers of high rank, selected him for the enterprise. Accordingly he was sent and offered an advance of a grade if he undertook the desperate service. But, on conviction begotten of long experience, he declined the offer. Cushing was then thought of, and he accepted with courage and went for. After carefully studying the plan turned with beaming eye to Assistant Sec. Fox, and said: "I'll try it, sir. I'll do it. How well he kept his promise is too well known to the American people to need other remarks."

quoted. As long as deeds of daring are
for the emulation of youth, this destruc-
tion of the Albemarle by the poor fellow who
was consigned, in his early manhood, to the
company of lunatics, will be remembered as an
almost memorable that ever shed lustre to
the profession of arms.